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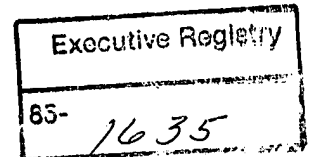
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## MEMORANDUM FOR AGENCY COUNTERPARTS

SUBJECT: Release of National Security Council Documents

We are concerned about recent instances where National Security Council (NSC) originated documents were disseminated outside of recipient agencies without our concurrence. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the obligations your agency has in regard to the release of NSC originated documents.

The "third-agency" rule requires an addressee agency to obtain the permission of the originating agency before transmitting documents or information to a third party, including other agencies, the Congress, the courts, and the public. Therefore, when processing a request for documents involving information originating at the NSC, you should forward such documents for NSC review prior to release. Our policy remains to release such documents and information wherever possible, but our obligation to protect certain categories of information necessitates review prior to release. This obligation extends to both classified and unclassified documents, since the latter may contain policy-deliberative or other exempt or privileged information.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We will, of course, apply this standard to our review for release of documents and information originating in your agencies.

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